AUTO COMMISSIONER EXPLAINS HIS DUTIES

Maryland Official Says Law Compels Him to Enforce Motor Vehicle Act.

By COL. E. AUSTIN BAUGHMAN. Maryland Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

Part 3 of the automobile law takes up the organization of the Department of Motor Vehicles of Maryland. The law requires that it shall be the commissioner's duty faithfully to exercise every reasonable effort to secure the enforcement of the motor vehicle law, so that motor vehicle traffic in the State shall be reasonably and efficiently regulated, with due regard to the convenience of persons using motor vehicles and the safety of the public in general.

The law also provides for the appointment of a number of men equipped with motorcycles for enforcing the traffic laws.

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The sum of \$5,000 is appropriated for the employment of these men and their expenses. This is a good investment, as last year over \$10,000 in fines were received by the office. A dear two also takes up the disposition of the receipts of the office, one-fifth to the mayor of Baltimore for the up-keep of the city streets, and the remaining four-fifths to the flatte roads commission for the up-keep of the State. Last year the fund thus distributed was \$429,288.41 will amount to \$650,000.

At this time I want to briefly state some of the requirements necessary before a license can be issued by my office. The general public, I believe, does not realize that the office of the commissioner of motor vehicles is anything more than a collecting agency, and that it is simply a question of paying a certain amount of money and receiving two tags. This is a very erroneous impression, because, as stated above, the office is charged with the regulation of motor vehicles traffic, and to properly regulate this traffic the office must be sure that the tags are being used on a dozen different tags being used on a dozen different agree, and the payor redicted to the disposition of the care two disposition of a dozen different tags being used on a dozen different tags being used on a dozen different tags being used on a dozen different tag

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As a matter of fact, the records that are necessary to be kept in the office, as they frequently figure in damage cases and other matters in the civil courts.

In order to have these records correct, application blanks, sixtéen different kinds on different colored paper, have been prepared, and as required by Section 140 of the law, the owner or applicant for the license must fill out the blank. Considerable information is printed on these blanks, and at this time I suggest, in view of the fact that there is a complete change in the method of classification of cars, that spillcants secure these blanks, fill them up and file them early in December for the 1917 licenses. Under no circumstances can any kind of license be issued unless the proper blank is filled out by the owner of the car. In the past, before the number of automobiles was so large, sometimes these blanks were filled up in the office, but on account of the other duties of the cierks it was necessary to incorporate this clause in the law requiring the blank to be filled out previous to the time of application for the license.

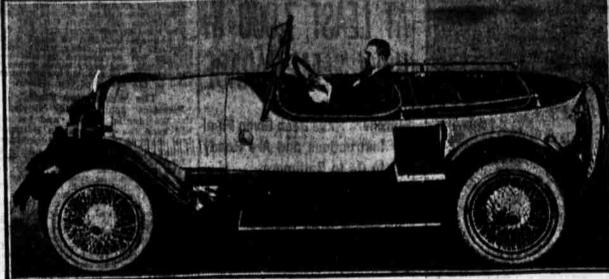
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with the present high price and scarcity of gasolene in England, Blackpool considers that they made an extremely wise choice in selecting this electric vehicle. Another requirement that the public thinks useless is the necessity of giving the manufacturer's number of the car to be licensed. This, however, is a matter for the protection of the applicant himself. In these days, when automobile thefts are so frequent, the manufacturer's number is the only absolute evidence of ownership of the car. No two cars of the same make have the same number. My office is frequently called upon to prove the ownership of certain cars, and unless the maker's number is given at the

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time of application this is impossible. This number is required also as a means of identifying license tage as belonging to that particular car. It is put on the registration certificate carrying the particular license number, which must at all times be carried on the car. Unless this number is given, there is nothing to prevent one set of tags being used on a dozen different cars. One Customer Who Couldn't Get Delivery Took Demonstrator.

In Panhandle, for instance, they steal hem, if they can't get the cars by other neans. An Amarillo paper tells it:
"In the midst of prosperity many are nable to get cars even after they have een ordered for several weeks. Every hipment of cars unloaded in Amarillo

finds many buyers ready with the hard cash and eager to drive away. Last week, according to W. E. Groendycke, a customer from Panhandie, wanted a Dodge car, but could find none in stock except Groendyck's demonstration car. He watched his chance. While the dealer wasn't looking he drove away with the only car remaining in the place. Officers were accouring the country, but no trace of the car was discovered until the 'anxious buyer' called by long-distance telephone and informed Groendyck that he had 'bought' the car, and was sending a check for it.

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"What else could I do?" asked the dealer. 'I had to let him keep it.'"

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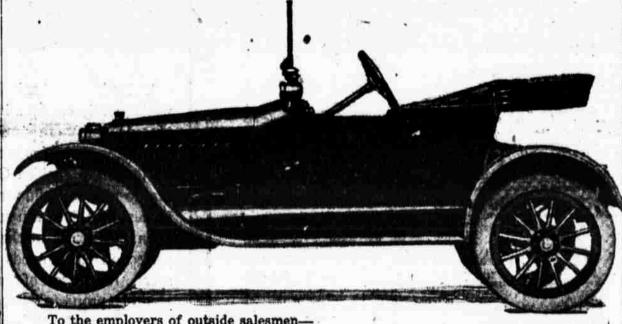
He drove his car from Elkhart, Ind., last week to Chicago, thence to Detroit, Buffalo and New York city, where he reshipped the car to Liverpool. Between Chicago and New York, Hart spent each morning in driving and in the afternoon he played golf, arranging his



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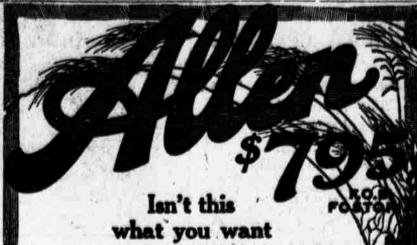
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